(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for not appointing so far a regular Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The present incumbent on the post of Director, Bureau for Promotion of Urdu was appointed on the basis of the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission, with effect from July 1, 1982. She is continuing to hold this post.

Expenditure incurred on formulation of New Education Policy

1999. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the formulation of the new education policy; and

(b) the purpose of holding a seminar at National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration for formulating the action plans when the same has already been prepared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) had sponsored 23 seminars through various agencies at the national and State level to make recommendations on different aspects of the proposed National Policy on Education. The total expenditure incurred on this account is Rs. 21,72,000. This includes fee for Consultants and TA/DA of Participants.

(b) At the instance of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), a National Seminar on Implementation Strategies of National Policy on Education-1986 was organised by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) on June 26-29, 1986 at New Delhi with a view to inter-acting and sharing experiences in this field with a cross-section of eminent educationists and experts both from within the country and abroad. The recommendations made by the Seminar were taken into account while preparing Programme of Action for implementation of National Policy on Education-1986.

Bogus Grants for Literacy Programmes

2000. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some bogus organisations have been issued grants for the Rural Literacy Programme and the Adult Education programme; and

(b) if not, the names of the institutions to which such grants-in-aid have been given during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 111.]

Air services in North-Eastern Region

2001. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 82 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1986, and state:

(a) by when the Indian Airlines propose to introduce (i) 5 time a week B-737 service on Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh route and (ii) daily B-737 service on Calcutta-Tezpur-Jorhat route and the details of the proposed timings thereof;

(b) whether the proposed Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugrah service is likely to halt at any other place and whether this service can be introduced on a daily basis in view of a large number of passengers on this route: